

REMARKS

In the last Office Action, claims 1-2 were allowed and claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,559,626 to Horie. The drawings filed with the application were accepted by the Examiner. Acknowledgement was made of applicant's claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §119, and the Examiner noted that the priority document has not yet been filed.

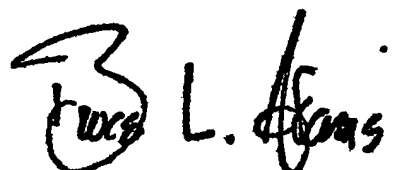
Applicant and applicant's attorney acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-2.

In accordance with this response, rejected claim 3 has been canceled, thereby leaving only allowed claims 1-2 pending in the application. The specification has been revised in minor respects to make editorial and grammatical revisions to place the application in better formal condition.

As only allowed claims 1-2 are pending in the application, the application is now believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and passage of the application to issue are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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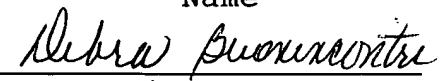
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